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City of Edgewood Fall 2019

A Message from Mayor Dowless

The "Unsung Heroes" of P&Z

Before most buildings, businesses, home expansions, boat docks, or zoning laws are approved, they must go before Edgewood's Planning and Zoning Board. Their decisions can greatly impact the quality of our neighborhoods, our lakes, and the look of our "downtown corridor."

Mayor

John Dowless

Council Members

Richard A Horn, President Ben Pierce, Pres. Pro-Tem Lee Chotas Susan Fortini Chris Rader

City Clerk's Office

City Clerk Bea Meeks MMC, CPM, CBTO

> Deputy City Clerk Sandy Riffle

Code Enforcement Officer Virginia Renteria

City Hall

407-851-2920 Monday thru Thursday 8 am to 4 pm Friday 8 am to noon Excluding Holidays

Police Department

John Freeburg, Police Chief 407-851-2820 (non emergency) Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4 pm Excluding Holidays

911 Emergency

Who are these "P&Z members?" They are residents of Edgewood who are appointed by the City Council to 3-year terms to represent a cross-section of the community. They have varied



Mayor John Dowless

backgrounds, from engineers, planners, realtors, retirees, doctors to parents, neighbors, and anything in between. But they all have one thing in common - they care about Edgewood!

Before each meeting, there can be hours of reading and preparation. At times, it's like reading a small print instructional manual crossed with an encyclopedia – not exactly riveting (Some say it's a cure for insomnia – ha!). The members review information, listen to testimony, ask questions, arrive at a consensus, and make a recommendation to the City Council. The meetings can be highly emotional or extremely "dry," while some can run late into the evening.

That's why I consider our current five members and our past members, among some of Edgewood's "unsung heroes."

So, to our current and past P&Z members, thank you for caring enough to volunteer your time and your expertise! We are a better community because of you!

If you know any of our current Planning and Zoning Board Members, please thank them for their service.

City of Edgewood Planning and Zoning Board Members

Chair Marion Rayburn
Vice-Chair David Gragg
Board Member Steve Kreidt
Board Member Ryan Santurri
Board Member Dr. Aileen Trivedi

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From the Desk of the City Clerk **2020 Edgewood Municipal Election News**



Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk MMC, CPM, CBTO

It may seem early to be thinking about the City's 2020 election; however, Florida's Democratic Presidential Preference Primary is March 17, 2020. March may seem a long ways off; but due to legislative changes, candidate information for Edgewood's election has to be submitted to the Orange County Supervisor of Election on or before December 13, 2019.

There will be two council seats open in the March election. Those seats are currently held by Susan Fortini and Chris Rader. Candidate qualifying for these two seats will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019, and ends at 4 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2019. Per the City Charter, "A candidate for city council shall be a qualified elector who is a bona fide resident of the City of Edgewood for at least one year prior to the date of qualifying to run for City office and registered to vote."

You may recall that in the March 2017 election, residents approved a Charter amendment that extended the terms of office in Edgewood from two years to three years. This election will complete the transition into three year terms of all Council seats. This means that the two candidates with the most votes in the March 2020 municipal election will serve three-year terms on Council.

Candidate packets will be available the week of November 25, 2019. All inquiries regarding Edgewood's 2020 municipal election can be emailed to me at bmeeks@edgewood-fl.gov.

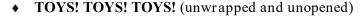
Edgewood Gives Back Orlando Union Rescue Mission

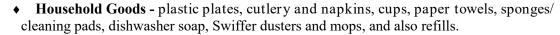


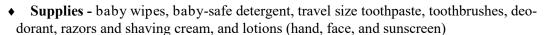
By Shannon Patterson, Office Manager Edgewood Police Department

We are very excited to announce that this year the City of Edgewood will be collecting items for the Orlando Union Rescue Mission this 2019 holiday season. Orlando Union Rescue Mission assists those in need, including providing housing for families and job training for those in the Central Florida area who need assistance.

We will collect toys and numerous other items. Below is a list of some of the items the City will be collecting.







Gift Cards - Target, Walmart, Publix, Gas Stations, local restaurants, Amazon, Home Depot, and Lowes

Let's support this organization and give back to those in and around our community! We will have collection points at City Hall and the Police Station starting November 4th. And we will be collecting items at the Santa Fly-In on Friday, December 13th!



A Word From Your Police Department

The Edgewood Police Department wants to make sure everyone has a safe and fun Halloween! Please keep these tips in mind when trick or treating:

- Do not let kids go trick-or-treating alone, or without an accompanying adult. They should stick with their friends.
- If kids do go out after dark, make sure they wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.
- Give your children a curfew and have them tell you what route they will be taking.
- Inspect any treats before anyone eats them.
- All costumes should be made of light-colored, fireproof material. Never let your kids go out with realistic replicas of firearms.
- Make sure masks and wigs do not impair vision.
- Remind your kids never to enter a stranger's home or accept rides from strangers.
- Stay on the sidewalks, not the streets, and avoid backyards, shortcuts, and alleys.
- Drivers should drive slowly, yield to young pedestrians and watch out for trick-or-treaters darting into the street.

The Edgewood Police Department will have additional officers working on Halloween. They will be out patrolling for ghost and goblins and giving out treats!



Police Chief John Freeburg

As always, if you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING and call 911!

Future Elderly Wellness Program

The Edgewood Police Department is developing an Elderly Wellness Program for those in the city who have special needs. This program will be focused on senior citizens, 60 years of age and above, who primarily live alone or have no assistance. The program focuses on elderly crime prevention and assistance during incidents such as Hurricanes. It will also focus on well-being checks

and identifying the needs of those citizens. If this is something you or someone you know would be interested in being a part of, please contact the Edgewood Police Dept. during business hours (407-851-2841), or leave a message for Chief Freeburg, if calling after hours. You may also email me directly at <u>Jfreeburg@edgewood-fl.gov</u>.

Dial 9-1-1
any time you feel
there's a threat
to life or property,
such as an
accident, crime,
fire or medical
emergency

New Message Board

Recently, the Edgewood Police Department was able to purchase a portable message board. The funds were obtained in conjunction with a federal grant. The message board will be used to put out information regarding events, emergencies, and issues in the area. It can be deployed quickly and is a great tool to get information out to the public.

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Hurricane Season—It's Not Over Yet!



Deputy City Clerk Sandy Riffle

Hurricane season peaks in September, which means it's not over yet. If you have not made preparations, here a few things you can do to get ready:

- ♦ Know Your Risk: visit www.ready.gov. Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem, Central Florida can be directly impacted by storms;
- ◆ Complete a family communication plan and know how you will contact each other;
- ◆ **Download the FEMA app on your mobile device**, which includes weather alerts, safety tips, and receive notifications;
- ◆ Assemble disaster supplies including a battery-operated or hand-crank radio should the power go out;
- Check your personal insurance coverage;
- Stay informed: Know where to go, monitor local news for hurricane watches and warnings.
- ♦ Visit Edgewood's website at www.edgewoodfl.gov and see the new hurricane update section. As events unfold, City Hall and the Police
 Department will keep you updated. This section
 includes news on anticipated storm impact, and
 post-storm news such as road closures, trees,
 and Waste Management schedules.

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Code Corner Keeping Edgewood Beautiful

City of Edgewood Landscaping

Edgewood has actively worked with business owners during the past two years to bring signs into compliance with Edgewood City Code. The next goal is to help all businesses come into compliance with the Landscape Code.

Landscaping is often the first impression people get when they enter the City, and maintenance is the responsibility of every property owner. Keeping up the grounds of your commercial property is as important to your business as maintaining the condition of the inside.

All properties are expected to meet landscape code that was in place at the time of development or redevelopment. If you decide to expand or renovate, a new landscape plan will be required to ensure that requirements are met. This includes the actual landscaping, mowing, weeding and fertilizing lawns, and irrigating areas to present a neat, healthy and orderly appearance, free of refuse or debris. Property owners are responsible for replacing landscaping that they remove or that dies.

There are more requirements to the landscape code, but these are the key details that need to be followed by every business within the City



Code Enforcement Officer Virginia Renteria

of Edgewood. Code Enforcement will make a strong effort with all Edgewood business owners to help them meet Code requirements.

If you have any specific questions or concerns with code enforcement, I am happy to assist you. I can be contacted at (407) 851-2920 or via email at vrenteria@edgewood-fl.gov.



Latest News ...

If you would like to sign up for the latest news from the City of Edgewood, text "edgenews" to 8559091581. Please note, message and data rates may apply.

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Welcome Edgewood's New Businesses

Ava Nails	75 Gatlin Avenue Ft. Gatlin Shopping Center	(407) 286-3726
Cars Media Group	5516 Commerce Drive	(954) 531-4588
Rett's Place Our Family Kitchen	4777 S. Orange Avenue Ft. Gatlin Shopping Center	(954) 531-4588
PRT Staffing	4971 S Orange Avenue Versailles III	(239) 691-9262
LB Commerce	5534 Hansel Avenue	(407) 308-7555
Fiboca Freight	5534 Hansel Avenue	(407) 608-7555
Chamberlain Realty	5111 S Orange Avenue	(321) 332-4503
Miami Driving and Traffic School	5611 S Orange Avenue Edgewood Isle	(305) 261-1611
Magic Bubbles Pressure Washing	5558 Force Four Parkway	(407) 924-7562



While you are planning the start of your new business, don't forget the need for licenses and permits.

All new businesses must apply for a Use Permit before opening for business. Please contact City Hall at (407) 851-2920 with any questions about the approval of your business use in Edgewood.

Permitting applications and other information required to legally operate within the City of Edgewood are available on the city's website at www.edgewood-fl.gov/documents.

Dine Local in Edgewood

Anthony's Pizza	(407) 730-5930	Beth's Burger Bar	(407) 888-1190
Brazas Chicken	(407) 582-0506	Hong Fu	(407) 857-0168
Lance's Red Hots	(772) 224-7658	Le Coq Au Vin	(407) 851-6980
McGinnty's Irish Pub	(407) 704-8828	Pizza Hut	(407) 856-6212
Rapptors Delivery & Catering	(407) 463-9228	Rett's Place	(954) 531-4588
Shannon's Casual Café	(407) 855-9995	Sharon's Homestyle Cookin'	(407) 856-9565
Stone Fired Pizza	(407) 730-3473	The Waterfront	(407) 866-0468
Vanbarry's Public House	(407) 704-8881		

City of Edgewood News Buzz





Mayor Dowless presents a Proclamation to Boise Cascade General Manager Chris Mello

On August 8th, **the Edgewood location of Boise Cascade** celebrated 6 years without a recordable injury. General Manager Chris Mello says. "It is simply a way of life here that we hope to continue." Edgewood's workplace is the safest in all the Boise Cascade's locations to come to work each day.

Question: How many pounds of building materials has Boise Cascade donated to the Bahamas for the rebuilding effort?

Answer: 45,000 pounds—to date!

Have a major achievement you want to share?

ACHIEVEMENTS

Send your news to Deputy City Clerk Sandy Riffle at sriffle@edgewood-fl.gov!





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Know Your Watering Days

Mandatory lawn watering restrictions specify the days when you may water. These days depend on whether you have an odd or even numbered address, and the time of year.



REMEMBER reset your sprinklers when you reset your clocks for Standard Time on Sunday, November 3, 2019.

Homes with <u>odd</u> numbered or no addresses	Homes with <u>even</u> numbered addresses	Nonresidential properties
Wednesday/Saturday	Thursday/Sunday	Tuesday/Friday

- Standard Time is coming on the first Sunday in November
- Water **only** when needed **and not** between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Water for no more than one hour per zone.
- Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water and water from public and private utilities.



Only Rain in the Drain

Food Trucks

The City of Edgewood labels storm drain inlets in our community as a reminder. Keep yard debris, trash, oil, pet waste, fertilizer and pesticides, water draining from your pool or washing your car, away from paved surfaces. When it rains, these pollutants can be carried into storm drains and end up in our lakes and rivers.





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YOU are important - Edgewood wants you!

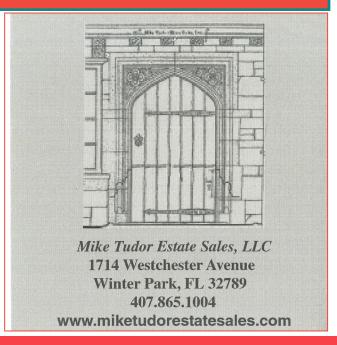
As mentioned in previous newsletters, Edgewood is a small municipality with a small staff and a limited budget. If you would like to help the Council in its goal of improving our community by serving on an advisory board, while still maintaining Edgewood's debt-free and low tax status, please add your name to our Citizen Talent Bank. For a volunteer form, visit www.tinyurl.com/EdgewoodTalent or visit City Hall and we will provide you with a form.

Advertise your business in the Edgewood Exclusive:

Full Page	Half Page	
\$275	\$150	
Quarter Page	Business Card	
\$75	\$30	

For more information contact:

Deputy City Clerk Sandy Riffle at sriffle@edgewood-fl.gov or at (407) 851-2920



Great Events in Edgewood You Don't Want to Miss!







Residential Waste Collection Schedule

Monday - household and yard waste*

Wednesday - recycled goods

Thursday - household waste and large bulk items

*Please do not bag yard waste. Please ensure loose materials such as pine needles, leaves, small twigs, palm fronds and tree/shrub trimmings are containerized in reusable garbage cans, 40-gallon or less. Branches and limbs must be bundled and tied and can be no longer than 4 feet in length, 24 inches in diameter, less than 50 pounds in weight, separated from other solid waste and must be stacked uniformly within 5 feet of your curb.



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Coming Events at City Hall in Bagshaw Park 2018

Date:	Time:	Food Truck Events Special Highlights:
Friday, Oct 18	6 to 9 pm	Trick or Treat in Bagshaw Park goody bags for costumed kids, trunk-or-treat with Edgewood businesses, bounce house, music in the park
Friday, Dec 14	6 to 9:30 pm	The state of the s
		Santa's ETA 7:30 pm

Holiday Charity Gift Drive - to benefit Orlando Union Rescue Mission (see page 2 for details)

